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YOUNG MEN'S COLONY.

The Seattle P. I. states that a colony of young men has been formed in Iowa for the purpose of securing farm lands in Washington. The membership is composed of sons of well-to-do farmers, having plenty of money and credit at their command. Locations will probably be made in some of the new fields of irrigation to be opened up in the eastern part of the state. The young colonists propose to enter into active diversified agriculture. They will establish dairies, plant grain crops and improve the orchard and garden opportunities. They expect to build permanent homes.

No man can give his sons a better legacy than that founded on the ownership of productive acreage in the farming districts. It is something that thieves cannot carry away. Rust will not cause it to decay and waste into uselessness. There is an ever increasing valuation in every acre that can be successfully cultivated. The state is young and but little developed. Its future possibilities are almost beyond the power of calculation. The man who produces something from the soil need have no fears for his future financial interests.

The move of young men from old homesteads is an indication of a desirable change in the sentiment for home building. Old farms are owned by families. In many cases the title has never passed from the original name. Large tracts have been divided by courts in settling estates, and the sons and daughters have received their portions. At present the division policy has reached its limitation of profit producing. The tracts are too small and the surroundings are not pleasant. Feuds of various kinds have entered into the neighborhood traditions.

Farmers having money at their disposal act wisely when donating it to their sons and daughters in the building of homes. It serves some useful purpose, and the men accumulating it enjoy the privilege of witnessing its

benefits. If left to constitute an estate it often becomes a curse to the heirs. It causes family disputes that are never compromised. It furnishes fees for court employes and attorneys, and results in no permanent good to the community. Give the children all they should have and let them do something in world to gladden the hearts of their fathers and mothers.

HISTOR REPEATS ITSELF.

Another man gone wrong from the pernicious habit of gambling. Edward J. Smith, a tax collector of San Francisco, is a fugitive from justice, having been an embezzler in the sum of over \$70,000 money collected by him from the public as taxes. He blew the money in on the gambling table, where a man was never known to win a cent, and on horse races where only the owners of the track were ever known to win. Every man that bets on a gambling game or a horse race bets on a sure thing game, owned and manipulated by sure thing men, who have no compunctions of conscience, neither do they care if the money lost was stolen as long as they win it and can drive fast horses and wear diamonds.

There is no question but the administration of Mayor Schmidt of San Francisco has been the most pernicious and corrupt of any administration that has ever disgraced that city. Not long ago the chief of police was dismissed from office for accepting money to allow Chinese gambling games to run. The gambler is prepared to buy officials and jurymen in order to carry on their nefarious swindling games, and ruined families, broken-hearted wives and children with tears streaming down their faces at the disgrace of their father, is music in the hearts of the gambler.

Bigelow, the defaulting bank president of Milwaukee betrayed the confidence of his friends and squandered a million and a half dollars in stocks and the wheat pit, but what cares the winners of the money? Tax Collector Smith of San Francisco blew in the money belonging to the people against sure-thing gambling games, and the gamblers are chuckling in their sleeves at their prowess and cleverness in robbing the public through a trusted employe. Yet there are men in every community that favor putting a license on the nefarious gambling games. No, they are not men. They are Shylocks and their presence in a community casts a black spot on the sun.

When immorality and crimes are placed at a premium and morality and law and order are made of secondary consideration, such a community is not a fit place for a respectable man to raise a family. It puts a premium on dishonesty and discounts honesty and virtue. Temptations thrown in the way of assumedly honest men, caused Bigelow to become a defaulter and ruin his friends. Temptation of gambling and horse racing made Edward J. Smith an embezzler and a fugitive from justice. The men who were inveigled into the games are not the sufferers. It is the wives and the children upon whom the disgrace attaches and will follow to their graves. When men advocate placing a license upon ruining happy homes; sending an honest and confiding wife and mother into the street a beggar; throwing innocent children upon the cold charities of the world, then indeed is there a hell upon earth and sorrowing hearts find happy relief in the solitude of the grave.

WHERE'S THE HARM.

Can the United States accept the benefit of reduced freight rates, asks the Butte? Inter-Mountain, extended by the railway companies in the promotion of irrigation enterprises without violation of the interstate commerce law prohibiting discrimination or rebates? That is the interesting question answered in the affirmative by the interior department but submitted to the attorney general's office for an opinion.

It seems to be the distinguishing quality of modern statesmanship to ignore common sense in deference to public prejudices. Because it is the fashion to attribute all evils, from international trusts to nose freckles, to the pernicious influence of discrimination in transportation charges, public enterprise must wait while public officials engage in the impressive undertaking of attempting to convince the public that splitting hairs is a more useful and profitable occupation than sawing wood.

Leaving to the government experts the task of analyzing the fine points of law supposed to be involved in this new problem, the public interested in the conclusion is entitled to the facts.

The officers of the reclamation service early conceived the idea of securing the co-operation of the railway companies as an important aid in advancing work or irrigation. Two conspicuous facts made the achieve-

ments easy in accomplishment. The railway companies would be immediately and greatly benefited by the development and settlement of the country to be irrigated; and without their aid many irrigation enterprises would have to be delayed by lack of funds available for the work. The concessions to the government asked for and granted, consisted of reduction of rates for the transportation of material required in constructing irrigation improvements. The alleged discrimination was not in favor of one competitor as against another. While the direct saving was to the government, and the incentive to the railway people unquestionably was presented in the prospect of profit to the transportation companies through new patrons and enlarged traffic, the final and large share of the benefit was to the public as a whole. Nobody was presumed to say that the action would work injury to anybody on earth. It might as well be claimed that preferences given to the government in time of war, or special accommodations and rates and privileges accorded in carrying the mails, is a violation of a law prohibiting discrimination, framed and enacted to protect the citizen against wrong or injury.

It is reckoned that the concessions made by the railway companies in the aggregate would enable the reclamation bureau to add perhaps a million dollars worth of work to enterprises already projected. The sum is not great in proportion to the whole cost of the improvement, yet it is worth looking after by the people of the western states interested in irrigation work.

In addition to the foregoing conclusions, it may be said that there is always a certain element in the community that is displeased with the administration of President Roosevelt, and even in Astoria some are to be found who do not indorse the workings of providence. If one person or one newspaper advocates a certain project with an honest belief that it will be beneficial to the public, another person or newspaper objects to it—not on merit, but simply on account of being possessed of a depraved disposition. Were President Roosevelt in a position to issue tickets to heaven the fact that he was a republican would cause a stampede in the democratic ranks to get into the first band wagon going to hell. Just to be obstinate.

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